

funded agencies. The question of, do you need agencies? Obviously, many of those serve a regulatory function, while on the other hand many of them are more what we call advocacy agencies. There's been attempts in this body before to eliminate those and they were eliminated for the short term and they were brought back. There are several of those that it could be argued are not an absolute necessary function of government. Many people would argue they're still very important though. So that's always the...be in the eyes of the beholder...

SENATOR ROBAK: Are they important enough for \$3 million to our state when we have such a shortfall in other areas?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I...if not this year, certainly next year I think we're going to have to make some of those very tough decisions.

SENATOR ROBAK: I think if we have to bite the bullet, we just bite the bullet and get rid of some of these agencies that we don't need, that are serving no useful purpose. I would like to substitute the Athletic Commission for the Department of Aging. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, and members of the body, I rise in opposition to the motion. I sat on the Government Committee that heard the bill and one of the things that we heard was that there has never been a death in this state in all the time that we've had this commission. It has proved a very valuable and worthwhile service to the state. And, actually, I think we're getting quite a bargain for \$20,000 a year to have this kind of regulation. One of the things that...that the committee asked about and talked about was the fact if we don't have this centralized body that regulates and licenses then it does have to go down to the local city or county level. And let me just read to you a few things out of the bill that these local subdivisions would have to do. It would regulate, supervise and license any professional or amateur match or exhibition. It would collect fees for licenses. It would assess and collect gross receipts. It would control the sale of tickets. It would make ordinances and resolutions for the administration and enforcement of the State Athletic Act. It would grant licenses for competent referees. It would grant